

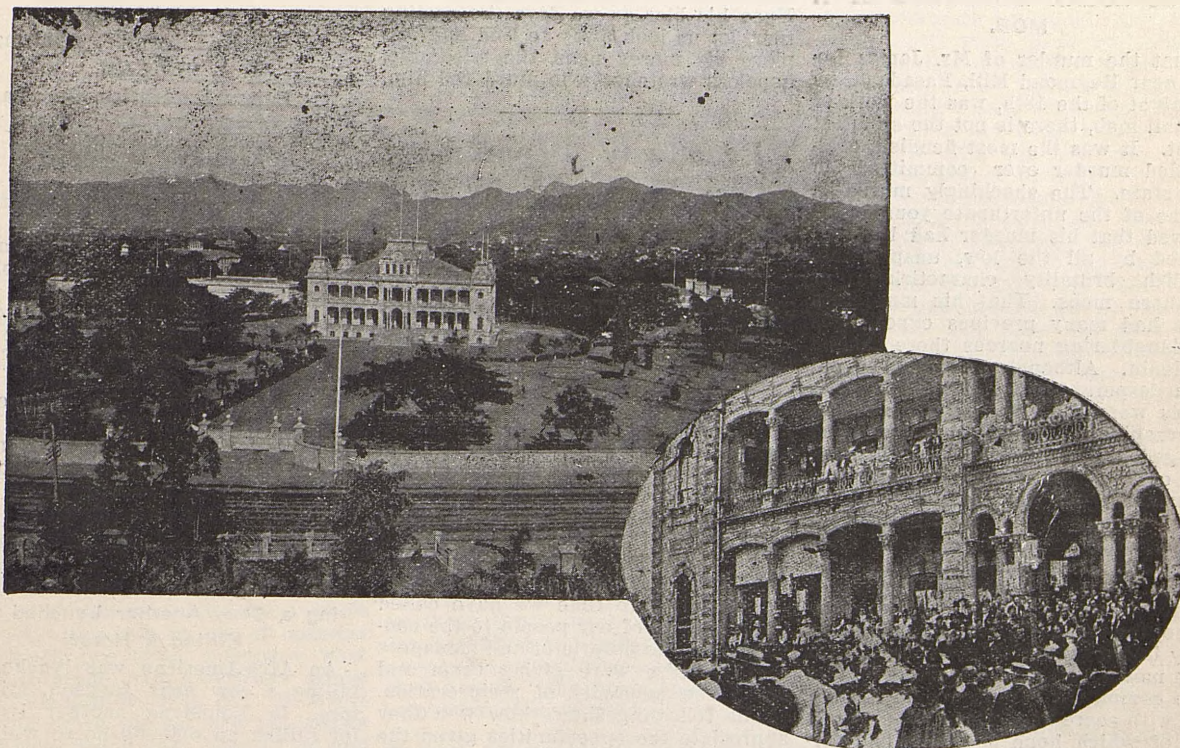
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Hell Breaks Loose in Pasadena. Savages decoy a Man from Home and slaughter him in Cold Blood. Either jealousy or a desire to get his position prompted the bloody deed.

JAMES LOGAN MURDERED BY A MOB.

That the murder of Mr. James Logan near Raymond Hill, Pasadena, on the night of the 18th, was the work of a small mob, there is not the slightest doubt. It was the most fiendish, cold-blooded murder ever committed in this state. The shockingly mutilated corpse of the unfortunate young man showed that his murder had been attended by all the low, unspeakable fiendish brutality characteristic of Southern mobs. That his murderers have had many previous experiences in slaughtering negroes there can be no doubt. Although unarmed, he put up a desperate fight for his life. His hands were literally hacked to pieces by grasping the stiletto that was being plunged into his breast, while a member of the mob from the rear was hammering out his brains with a heavy piece of iron. He finally went down in the unequal contest, after which his throat was cut from ear to ear with a razor, one finger was cut off for a souvenir and—you can imagine the rest. After throwing his body into a wash and covering it with new mown hay, some member of the mob committed a nuisance in his hat and with seared conscience and hearts out of which hope and love had forever fled, the mob dispersed.

Among the Afro-Americans Logan had not an enemy. He was an octroon and was salesman and chief man in a store owned by a white man, and patronized only by wealthy people. Some person or persons for reasons known to them only wanted him out of the way. In Pasadena, owing to his business connections, his chums were mainly young white men with whom he seemed to be popular. It is now generally believed among Afro-Americans that he fell a victim to the blandishments of some woman whom he clandestinely met near Raymond hotel. Either he took some chum into his confidence or the woman was employed by his murderers. A trap was set into which he fell and was fiendishly murdered. If the officers act upon the theory that Logan was murdered by Afro-Americans, the real murderers will escape. Afro-Americans never commit deeds of that kind. In the heat of passion they frequently take human life, but the sym-

pathetic side of the Afro-American's nature is so well developed that he could not plan and execute such an inhuman deed. If the Afro-Americans were to suddenly sink to such a low state of savagery, either mobs would be immediately suppressed or this country would become a roaring hell. God forbid that such a dreadful calamity ever come.

"Jimmie Logan," who so often sang so sweetly for charity, has gone the way of all the earth. If he made mistakes let them be entered with his bones. He needs no sympathy now. Upon his bier as we drop the parting tear, let us look away to God and em-plore his mercy upon the miserable, hopeless wretches who murdered him.

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From time to time we have called the attention of our people to the consideration the proprietor and managers of this store were giving them and urged the necessity of reciprocation.

The following shows how well they appreciate the opportunities given the race by this store:

At a meeting of colored citizens of Los Angeles held April 9, 1906, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The opportunities for young colored men and women to secure positions of trust in mercantile establishments are very limited; and, Whereas, It requires men of moral courage and broad-mindedness to give equal opportunities to all, regardless of race, color or creed; and,

Whereas, Mr. Arthur Letts, proprietor of the Broadway Department Store, and Mr. J. W. Eccleston, advertising manager for the Broadway Department Store, have recognized merit and ability in the colored people of Los Angeles by giving to a number of them employment in the above-named store; and,

Whereas, Mr. J. W. Eccleston is about to sever his connection with the Broadway Department store of Los Angeles, be it

Resolved, That the colored people

of Los Angeles hereby express their high appreciation for the manly and generous spirit of Messrs. Letts and Eccleston toward the colored people and press of Los Angeles, and be it further

Resolved, That we profoundly regret the departure of Mr. Eccleston from Los Angeles, and we hereby record and testify our admiration of him for the noble deeds of which we have been the beneficiaries.

Resolved, That copies of these preambles and resolutions be transmitted to Messrs. Letts and Eccleston.

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Committee.

Too much can not be said in commendation of the exemplary manner in which the Afro-American employees of that store conduct themselves. Perhaps no employee of the store hold a higher place in the confidence of the managers than does Mr. W. C. Franklin. He is one of the oldest Afro-American employees. Mr. Homer L. Garrott, brother of Dr. A. C. Garrott, the popular dentist, is superintendent of the elevators. Commencing as an elevator man he has worked up until he is head of that department.

One Afro-American Lynched for Killing a Cow, Another Lynched for Killing a Horse.

An Afro-American was lynched for killing a cow near Jackson, Mississippi. In Louisiana another lynched for killing an officer's horse while resisting arrest. That we are nearing a crisis in this lynching business does not admit of a doubt. That a conflict is upon us cannot be doubted. That all Afro-Americans must arm for self-protection is the decree of fate. Every Afro-American must buy a Winchester rifle and when mobs threaten to raise hell, they must tender their services to the officers of the law to aid them in keeping the peace. If your services are refused, act independently, upholding the majesty of the law at all hazards. The white cut-throats that lynch and burn Afro-Americans, are the same class that wreck trains, go on strikes, burning and destroying the property of the rich, assassins, bomb throwers, dynamiters, and high-way robbers. Every Afro-American who kills a lyncher renders to the country a greater service than Dewey did at Manila Bay. Citizens who disregard the laws of the country are its most deadly foes.

"They who would be free
Themselves must strike the blow."

TWO AFRO-AMERICANS LYNCH A MOB.

By direct wire to the Times.

Yonkers, N. Y., May 13.—(Exclusive dispatch.) One man is dead, one is dying and a third is in a dangerous condition, as a result of a race riot last night. No negro was injured.

Mary Wilson and Edward White, mother and son, both negroes, are under arrest.

No one seems to know how the riot started. Several men were fighting in an alley. Others, Caucasians and negroes, joined them, until the riot was in full swing.

White's mother ran out of her home with a razor, and White became possessed of a very sharp case knife. With these weapons, the two soon cleared the field.

Michael Fitzgerald was found with his jugular vein severed and his head and body badly cut.

Thomas Eagan had cuts in the head and was disemboweled.

John Dowd had bad cuts in head and body.

Fitzgerald died in St. Joseph's Hospital at 5 o'clock this morning. Little hopes are entertained of Eagan's recovery. Dowd is in a dangerous condition.

Several other men received slight cuts, but were able to get away.

To the Afro-Americans, the above is not only inspiring, but furnishes a valuable object lesson. If two Afro-Americans, one man, and one woman, armed only with a razor and a case knife, and a determination to sell their lives at a high price, can put a whole mob of white ruffians out of business and lynch two of its members, what could a dozen Afro-Americans armed with Winchester rifles do? If White and his brave mother had not shown fight both would have been killed and their cowardly murderers would have gone un-whipped of justice. The best and surest way to punish mobs is to punish them while they are engaged in violating the law. There can be no better way of getting evidence against members of mobs than that of killing and wounding a goodly number of them.

The killing of a few members of every mob by intended victims will bring these low mangy scoundrels to their senses quicker than any other argument that can be made. Juries will not convict members of mobs for killing Afro-Americans unless the killing of the Afro-Americans makes labor too scarce as it does occasionally in Mississippi. The best and only way to reason with a mob is with cold steel.

Every Afro-American's cabin must contain one rifle and shot gun and each member of the family taught how to handle them. No Afro-American was ever lynched who faced mobs with cold steel.

You have but one time to die and

to die defending one's life, liberty and home, is to receive God's eternal favor. The man who is ready to die for his rights, will live and enjoy them.

WHITE MEN AND WOMEN VICTIMS OF MOBS.

A few days ago a white man in Tennessee received an anonymous letter warning him to leave his home and community or take the consequences. He got his field-piece ready and awaited developments. A night or two after receiving the notice a mob fired upon his house wounding him and his daughter. He returned the fire and killed Melvin Winters a member of the mob who was found stiff and stark near the house the next morning. The state had first-class evidence against one cowardly lyncher at least.

The wholesale lynching and burning of Negro men, women and children has so blunted respect for human life that white cut-throats have commenced killing their own women.

On the 15th, a white man in Georgia, named Clark, because his sweetheart's father didn't care for him to call, set their home on fire and when the father and son came out to fight the fire he shot both. He then cut a wide swath, driving everything white before him. When his ammunition was about out he called at a store to replenish his stock, the merchants, who had been notified, refused to supply him. For that offense he killed one of the merchants. Finding himself pursued by blood hounds and surrounded by the officers, he put a bullet through his own heart. Commencing by killing and burning negroes he ended by killing whites and burning their homes. The whole bunch reaped only what they sowed.

BLACK KNOCKERS AND WHITE SUPPORTERS.

The disposition of Afro-Americans to pull each other down is so general that no class or condition is exempt. If this feeling of envy and jealousy was confined to the ignorant, worthless class it could in a measure be overlooked. It is a relic of barbarism handed down from slavery that is very frequently found in negroes that never saw slavery. This low contemptible feeling is to be found among the big negroes and little negroes, among the so-called intelligent negroes and ignorant negroes.

By the eternal devil it is wherever you find negroes. Trying to pull down attorney Blair.

Some time ago the friends of an Afro-American charged with murder, believing that he acted in self-defense, secured the services of attorney Blair to defend him. As a criminal lawyer, Mr. Blair has a fine record and stands high at the bar, a thing of which every member of the race should be proud. As should have been done, an

ample fee was being quietly raised by the Afro-Americans. As soon as the black knockers heard of it, the big and little ones got together, called a council of war to take the case from Blair and give it to a white lawyer, this, after Mr. Blair had made all necessary preparation for the defense. One big knocker said he would give \$25 if the case was given to a white attorney, but would not give a cent if Blair was retained. The case was taken from Blair, the big knocker gave \$10 instead of the \$25 promised. A number of Afro-Americans engaged in raising money, quit when Blair was relieved.

On another occasion, some Afro-Americans called upon a white attorney to take a case for them. The attorney after inquiring into the case called Mr. Blair up over the phone, requesting him to take it. Then turning to the black people said: "I have got Mr. Blair to take your case, he is a member of your race and is one of the ablest lawyers at the bar." Mr. Blair won the case and the black knocker was knocked out by the white supporter. Mr. Blair has no trouble in securing the aid of the white people when he needs it as surety on the bonds of clients. We have refrained from mentioning the names of the big knockers because their children will blush in years to come when they read the records of our present struggle, should the part their parents are taking be recorded.

There never was a time when the race needed able, strong, race-loving professional men and women, professional men and women who are not ashamed to be identified with us as a people. To succeed in this country the race will have to build up a business and professional class of its own. The Afro-American who is engaged in pulling down his race is digging a pit for his own children.

Whether your children are white negroes or black negroes, rich negroes or poor negroes, they are going to meet the same discrimination meted out to black negroes, until we stand together as men and break them down.

THE SPRINGFIELD, OHIO, MOB ENDORSED.

The members of the Springfield, Ohio, mob that were convicted for the part they took in the recent mob outrages in that city were fined one dollar each. The judge promptly remitted the fines, thus endorsing the mob. Comment is unnecessary. The statement that the frequency of mob reign in that city is due to the non-enforcement of the laws have been fully verified.

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THE PRESIDENT'S ODIOS ALLIANCE.

The President's alliance with Senator Tillman and his gang must, ere this, have brought forcibly to his mind the truthfulness of that rustic old saying: "If you lie down with dogs you get up with fleas." We are neither surprised nor sorry about the ridiculous predicament in which the President finds himself. A tour of the South has put on the wane the glory of every republican president that made it, save Gen. Grant. To secure the passage of his pet measure, the Rate Bill, the President needed a few democratic votes as the platform upon which he was elected did not commit him or his party to it. He went South to get them, how he succeeded is yet to be seen. His Southern trip was a howling success from the view point of the negro haters. So far as the Afro-American and his rights are concerned, the President came back a changed man—his mouth and the "Door of hope had been closed;" that inspiring declaration, "All men up and not some men down," that threatened to immortalize him had become obsolete. In his strenuousness he stepped off the platform upon which he was elected and fell among thieves as the sequel

shows. Senator Tillman who, till recently was the President's spokesman for the Rate Bill, stood up in the United States Senate and declared that he and his associates had "murdered negroes" for voting and had stuffed ballot boxes and would do so again in violation of the laws of the land.

In spite of this and since he made the above statement the President is quoted as saying that Senator Tillman is an honest man. In view of Senator Tillman's own confessions of being a murderer and a thief, the President's declaration that he, Tillman, is an honest man, caused some people to wonder what constitutes honesty. Now the man who murdered Afro-Americans and stuffed ballot boxes, and whom the President says is honest, charges the President with making statements about certain republican senators that the President felt called upon to deny. Denials and counter denials by the President and Tillman resemble a lot of boys playing marbles "for keeps." The President made a mistake when he said Tillman was honest.

The President made a mistake when he decided to sacrifice the Afro-American and his rights to secure the passage of the now famous Rate Bill.

By that act he placed a higher value upon the dollar than upon manhood rights, and consequently human life. Committed to such an erroneous policy, a man is sure of making nothing, but blunders. It is an error of the President's head, not of his heart. That, it is a mistake to believe that a murderer and thief is a respecter or persons, is amply proven by the Roosevelt-Tillman alliance. The President will either have to get back upon the republican platform or go into oblivion with Grover Cleveland, the only man in all the world that has no party.

THE EARTHQUAKE WIPED OUT THE COLOR LINE.

For the time being the Afro-Americans in San Francisco are not hindered by the hell-born color line, the earthquake having destroyed it. The loss of life among them was practically nothing owing to the fact that color discriminations had driven them out of the danger zone. The awfulness of the calamity reduced all to a common level. Labor unions that had almost crushed out the Afro-American's manhood, immediately announced that no discrimination would be practiced while rebuilding the city.

If earthquake will shake down color prejudice, there ought to be real heavy ones all over this sin-cursed country. In the name of God give us anything that will blot out, even for a while, color prejudice, race hate and race discriminations and give the religion of Jesus Christ a chance to get a little

foot-hold. The concentration of wealth, hypocrisy, sin and crime are about the only things that are on the increase in this Christian land. Lord, regardless of the means employed, give us a change.

REGISTER! REGISTER! REGISTER!

Capt. F. H. Crumbly, notary public, has been appointed register. Every man twenty-one years of age should go to him and register at once, or he cannot vote. The next campaign will be one of the most hotly contested in the history of the state, and unless you register you cannot exercise your right of franchise. Office 243½ East Second street. Don't put this matter off.

AN UNPRECEDENTED OFFER.

In order to add 2000 new subscribers to our subscription list, The Liberator Publishing Company has decided to give agents one-half of all money received from new subscribers. The Liberator is clean, fearless and able, and must be read by every Afro-American in this state. It inspires self-respect, self-reliance, independent thought and action in the mind of every Afro-American that reads it. No white person can read it without having his or her respect for the downtrodden Afro-American increased. While it loves all of God's creatures, it is an uncompromising foe of all race-haters and trouble breeders.

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MISTOOK OFFICERS FOR BURGLARS.

Mr. O. C. Miles, an employe of the Broadway Department Store, mistook officers Glen and Stevens for burglars and gave them a warm entertainment. Of late Mr. Miles has been visited by knights of the jimmy, and when officers Glen and Stevens dressed in citizens' clothes, came near his place late at night he supposed them to be burglars and opened fire on them. Officer Stevens receiving a bullet through his hat. Mr. Miles is an intelligent, industrious young man and owns considerable property in this city. He enjoys the confidence of the managers of the store where he works, who promptly became sureties on his bond. He has always borne an excellent reputation. Attorney Blair is retained as counsel.

GOOD-BYE, GOOD-BYE, ACROSS THE SEA.

(Written for the Liberator.)

It was in the long ago—
In the fading twilight glow,
As I stood by the murmuring sea—
A voice of tender melody,
Sang in accents sweet to me
Good-bye, good-bye, across the sea.

I gazed upon the waters wide,
I watched the flow and ebb of tide,
I heard the night winds softly sigh,
I heard the swift-winged sea-bird's cry,
Whilst a sad voice sang to me,
Good-bye, good-bye, across the sea.

The years have come, the years have gone

Into night's oblivion;
I still stand by the restless waves
Thinking of the grass-grown graves,
But that voice still sings to me
Good-bye, good-bye across the sea.

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ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

Lieut. Colonel Allensworth is delivering a series of lectures to the children and is arousing much interest in the direction of right living. He is anxious to organize a boys' brigade, an organization, the value of which can hardly be over estimated. He is engaged in a laudable undertaking and deserves encouragement.

Dr. J. A. Summerville will receive his diploma from the college of dentistry of the University of Southern California next month. In his examination he was the most proficient in his class.

Miss Susie Eva Edmonds will graduate from the commercial department of the University of Southern California.

Elder P. M. Johnson, P. E. of the West Texas conference and instructor of theology in the Samuel Houston college is conducting the revival now in progress at the Wesley M. E. church. Rev. Goins of Baltimore Md., has been carrying on a successful revival at the A. M. E. Church.

The meetings for men only, held held on the 13th and 20th were the largest gatherings of men ever witnessed in this city. There is a great awakening.

Recently received, a carload of the finest pianos ever shipped to the coast. Prices and terms the same as you get on inferior grades.

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Dr. Garrett has been on the sick list due to overwork. Dr. Nelson was forced to spend a week at San Diego to get a little needed rest.

Much interest is manifested in the revival now going on at the Second Baptist church. In spite of the fact that the seating capacity of our churches is being continually increased, all seats are taken at the Sunday services. Compared to the white population the attendance of the Afro-Americans at their churches must be at least fifty per cent greater than the former.

That Tennessee white man that killed a member of a mob that surrounded his house will now have the full protection of the law. Although he and his daughter were both wounded by the first volley from the mob he returned the fire and dispersed the mob.

SPECIAL BARGAINS IN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

A. G. Gardner wishes to inform the readers of The Liberator that he is prepared to give special bargains in pianos and all musical instruments. He owns his own building, pays no rent—Patrons get the benefit. 118 Winston street, City.

NO CHANCE TO ESCAPE.

It was only recently, according to a correspondent, that in St. Paul's Cathedral a London guide held forth to an American gentleman: "That, sir, is the tomb of the greatest naval hero Europe or the 'ole world never knew." "Yes?" "It is, sir, the tomb of Lord Nelson. This marble sarcophiggus weighs 42 tons. Hinside that is a steel receptacle weighing 12 tons, and hinside that is a leaden casket ermetically sealed weighing two tons, hinside that is a ma-ogany coffin 'old ing the hashies of the great 'ero." "Well," said the American, after reflecting a moment, "I reckon you've got him. If he ever gets out of that, telegraph me at my expense."—The Tattler.

ORINTHOLOGY VS. FINANCE.

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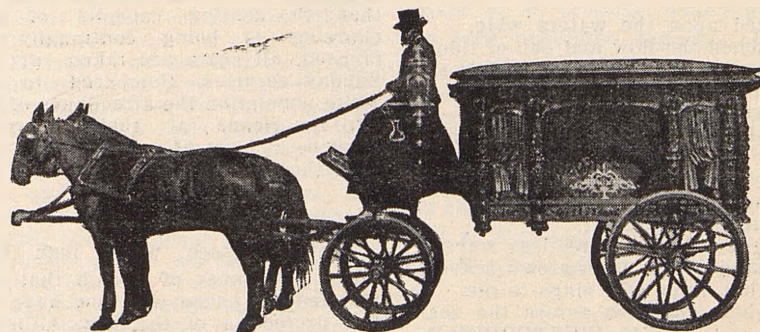
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MEETINGS.

Preparations are being made for the second meeting of the Young People's Christian and Educational Congress of the United States, which _ to take place in Washington July 3 to 8.

The Seventh Annual Negro Conference of Farmers was held at the State College near Savannah, Ga., last week.

The Fifteenth Annual Tuskegee Negro Conference was held at Tuskegee. Thirty States were represented.

The Afro-American Emancipation Day Association will hold a celebration in Richmond April 3d.

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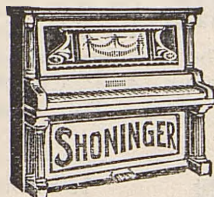
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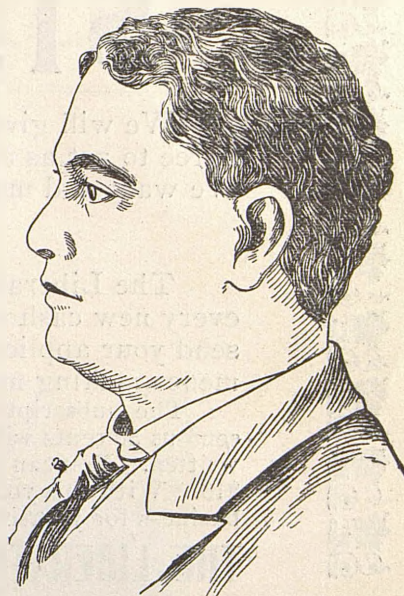
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